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Inventorship Olson et al.
Applicant Microsoft Corporation
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Title: Methods, Systems and Media Players for Rendering Different Media Types

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

A joint inventor, Mr. Chris Feller, has indicated that he does not intend to sign the oath or declaration in this application. The following declaration and identified proof describe the efforts taken to try to secure Mr. Feller's signature:

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1. Mr. Feller is no longer an employee of the Applicant.
2. An email message was sent by the legal department at Microsoft to Mr. Feller on November 8, 2001, requesting that he sign the oath/declaration for this patent application. Mr. Feller replied to the email message and indicated that for "ideological reasons" he preferred not to sign the documents.
3. The Microsoft legal department then contacted the undersigned to request that I attempt to contact Mr. Feller for purposes of securing his signature on the oath/declaration.
4. On November 13, 2001 I sent an email message to Mr. Feller and requested that he contact me so that I could answer any questions that he might have. In that email message, I also requested that he contact me to advise me on whether he was going to sign the oath/declaration or not. I indicated in my email message that if he did not contact me, I would assume that he had not changed his mind and was not going to sign the oath/declaration.
5. Mr. Feller did not respond to my email message, nor have I had any further contact with Mr. Feller.

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It is respectfully requested that this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) be granted.

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